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## WAIVER OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS

TO: Ira A. Sturm, Esq.		
	NAME OF PLAINTIFF'S ATTO	PRNEY OR UNREPRESENTED PLAINTIFF)
I, William F. Cusack III	[ ENDANT NAME)	, acknowledge receipt of your request
that I waive service of summons in the action of Elfenbein v. Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center el al. (CAPTION ACTION)		
which is case number 08-c	v-5382 (DOCKET NUMBER)	in the United States District Court
for the District of Southern		
I have also received a copby which I can return the significant the significant return ret		the action, two copies of this instrument, and a means without cost to me.
I agree to save the cost lawsuit by not requiring that in the manner provided by Ru	I (or the entity on who	nons and an additional copy of the complaint in this ose behalf I am acting) be served with judicial process
I (or the entity on whose by the confidence of the summons.	pehalf I am acting) will ourt except for objecti	retain all defenses or objections to the lawsuit or to the ons based on a defect in the summons or in the service
I understand that a judgm	nent may be entered as	gainst me (or the party on whose behalf I am acting)
if an answer or motion unde	r Rule 12 is not serve	ed upon you within 60 days after June 13, 2008  (DATE REQUEST WAS SENT)
or within 90 days after that date if the request was sent outside the United States.		
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(DATH)		(SIGNATURE)
	Printed/Typed Name:	William F. Cusack III
	As Attorney	of Steven C. Anderman
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## **Duty to Avoid unnecessary Costs of Service of Summons**

Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires certain parties to cooperate in saving unnecessary costs of service of the summons and complaint. A defendant located in the United States who, after being notified of an action and asked by a plaintiff located in the United States to waive service of summons, fails to do so will be required to bear the cost of such service unless good cause be shown for its failure to sign and return the waiver.

It is not good cause for a failure to waive service that a party believes that the complaint is unfounded, or that the action has been brought in an improper place or in a court that lacks jurisdiction over the subject matter of the action or over its person or property. A party who waives service of the summons retains all defenses and objections (except any relating to the summons or to the service of the summons), and may later object to the jurisdiction of the court or to the place where the action has been brought.

A defendant who waives service must within the time specified on the waiver form serve on the plaintiff's attorney (or unrepresented plaintiff) a response to the complaint and must also file a signed copy of the response with the court. If the answer or motion is not served within this time, a default judgment may be taken against that defendant. By waiving service, a defendant is allowed more time to answer than if the summons had been actually served when the request for waiver of service was received.